

LATROBE COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Policy

USI

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure that LCAD meets the requirements of the Student Identifier Scheme (USI) as outlined in the Student Identifier Act 2014.

The Student Identifier Act 2014 requires that any students enrolling in nationally recognised training as of the 1st of January 2015 must obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI) number. USI number will make it easier for students to find, collate and authenticate their VET achievements into a single transcript. It will also ensure that student's VET records are not lost. LCAD will ensure that it complies with this policy and will not issue AQF certification documentation to an individual without receiving a verified USI number for that individual.

COLLECTION of STUDENT USI's

Unless a student is exempt, LCAD will collect and verify a student's USI before issuing a qualification certificate (testamur) or Statement of Attainment (SOA) for any nationally recognised training issued by LCAD.

LCAD collects and verifies student USIs at the time of enrolment. USIs are verified automatically via TCSI, or the verification portal at usi.gov.au

If the USI registrar has granted a student an individual USI exemption from the USI scheme, LCAD will see and retain a copy of the exemption document in the student's file.

Where an individual student exemption applies, LCAD will inform the student that their assessment results will not be included on their authenticated VET transcript or be accessible to them through the USI system. The student must sign [USI Exemption Form](#) as evidence of acknowledgement of this declaration.

USI INITIATIVE

The USI initiative will enable students to provide LCAD with access to an online authenticated record of student attainment. This will assist with the recording of enrolment details and help streamline the assessment of course prerequisites, credit transfer, and the evaluation of eligibility for funding assistance.

USI PRIVACY

LCAD recognises the importance of protecting students' privacy and personal information. LCAD is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (the Privacy Act), which regulates how we collect, use, disclose and store personal information, including sensitive information, and how individuals may access and correct records containing their personal information. LCAD respects your rights to privacy under the Privacy Act, and we comply with all the Privacy Act's requirements in respect of the collection and management of your personal information.

LCAD IS APPLYING FOR USI ON THE STUDENT'S BEHALF

If a student does not have a USI number and wishes LCAD to apply for one on their behalf with the Student Identifiers Registrar, the student must provide permission to LCAD by agreeing to LCAD's Terms and Conditions.

LCAD will obtain personal information from students via the enrolment form. The following personal information about the student will be provided to the Registrar at the Office of the USI:

- Student's name, including first or given name(s), middle name(s) and surname or family name as they appear in an identification document;
- Student's date of birth, as it appears, if shown, in the chosen document of identity;

- Student's city or town of birth;
- Student's country of birth;
- Student's gender; and
- Student's contact details.

Once LCAD obtains the student's USI number, it will be entered into the student management system and emailed to the student.

LCAD collects personal information about a student so that it can perform its functions and activities and provide the best possible quality of customer service. LCAD will collect, hold, use and disclose student's personal information to:

- identify the student;
- process student's application for a Unique Student Identifier (USI) number;
- verify and or give a Unique Student Identifier;
- create an authenticated Vocational Education Training (VET) transcript;
- update student's records and keep student's contact details up-to-date;

INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR THEIR USI

Individual students can create their USI by logging onto the www.usi.gov.au website and accessing the "Create a USI" icon. Students will require at least one form of ID from the list below to create their USI:

- Driver's Licence
- Medicare Card (this includes a current family Medicare card where your name is included)
- Australian Passport
- Birth Certificate (Australian) *please note a Birth Certificate extract is not sufficient
- Certificate of Registration by Descent
- Citizenship Certificate

Students must ensure that the details they enter when they create their USI match exactly with those shown on the form of ID used.

Once students obtain their USI, they must email it to LCAD, which will be recorded in the colleges' SMS.

TO WHOM WE MAY DISCLOSE STUDENT'S INFORMATION

The third parties LCAD may disclose a student's personal information to include but are not limited to are:

- Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies, boards of study, specified VET-related bodies including the National Centre for Vocational Education Research for the purposes of administering and auditing Vocational Education and Training (VET), VET providers and VET programs; education related policy and research purposes.
- VET Regulators to enable them to perform their VET regulatory functions.
- the National Centre for Vocational Education Research for the purpose of the Registrar creating authenticated VET transcripts, resolving problems with Unique Student Identifiers and for the collection, preparation and auditing of national VET statistics.
- any other person or agency that may be authorised or required by law to access the information.
- Any organisation for any authorised purpose with the student's express consent.
- Your personal information will not be shared or disclosed other than as described in this policy, without your consent.

SECURITY

Once LCAD receives personal information from you, the information is maintained in a secure environment. A student's personal information will not be released unless the law permits it or the student grants permission. LCAD takes reasonable steps to ensure that students' personal information is protected from misuse, loss, and unauthorised

access, modification, or disclosure. However, as the data is transmitted over the Internet, LCAD cannot provide assurance regarding the security of the information transmission. LCAD also cannot guarantee that the information the students supply will not be intercepted whilst being transmitted over the internet. LCAD may hold student's information in either electronic or hard copy form.

Personal information is destroyed or de-identified when it is no longer needed, in accordance with the requirements of the Archives Act 1983 (Cth).

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Student Handbook
National Code 2018
ESOS Act 2018
Student Identifier Act 2014
Privacy Act 1988
See Privacy Policy
See Privacy Notice
See VET Data Use Statement

RESPONSIBILITY

See Organisation Chart.